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September 23rd, 1920

Herr Dr. Lauri Tudeer
Bibliothek das Universitas
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Sir:

Recently I wrote asking for casts of Metapontum pieces in the collection at Berlin. Professor Regling in his very kind reply mentioned that he believed you had been working on the whole or some part of the series. He suggested that I write you in order that effort along the same line might not be duplicated.

I have been making a study of the coinage of this city for some time and have now obtained casts from almost all the important collections. I have completed my description of the staters (including the incuse) save for certain hitherto inaccessible collections, wuch as those in Vienna and Berlin. Besides several unpublished pieces, I have discovered an unpublished artist's signature.

Your magnificent treatise on the signed tetradrachms of Syracuse, which has in some ways been a model for me, makes me realize, however, that you would bring to bear an experience to which I can only aspire as yet. In consequence, you will understand that Dr. Regling's letter brought a feeling of dismay. May I, therefore, appeal to you for a very frank statement as to how far your study of the coinage of this city has progressed, in order (in the words of Professor Regling) there may be as little duplication of effort as possible.

If you have any pieces of Metapontum in your personal collection, or know of collections containing them from which I might receive a favorable response were I to ask for casts, I should greatly appreciate this additional courtesy. I shall eagerly await your response, and beg that you will accept the expression of my cordial esteem.

Very respectfully yours,

SPN/E

Secretary

January 19th, 1921

Professor Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finlande

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 17th has made me feel very humble in the face of the sacrifice on your part which it records. I am unable to gather fully how far your work on the Metapontum coinage has progressed, but I believe I do understand how great must be your disappointment in giving it up. To you it may seem fitting, with the enviable reputation you have already made for yourself, that you should make way for a younger student whose laurels are still to be earned, but this only increases the sense of responsibility which has now become mine.

When I first undertook this work, it was because of the evident need of a classification of this coinage. So far as I could then learn there was no prospect of the arrangement being attempted by anyone. Consequently, the letter from Professor Regling was as great a surprise to me as my communication must have been to you - and I immediately wrote to you. It is, therefore, a source of great satisfaction for me that at the meeting of our Council held on January 14th, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Fellow of the American Numismatic Society. Mr. Edward T. Newell, the President of the Society, communicated your decision to the Council, and I was directed to express to you their appreciation of your magnanimous action. In consequence, you will receive our publications hereafter as soon as they appear, and thus be enabled to keep in touch with our Society.

Under separate cover, I am sending you Volumes L, LI and LII of our Journal. In accordance with your suggestion, I would be glad if you would arrange an exchange with the Finnish Society of Antiquaries.

Now to return to Metapontum - permit me first to say that I shall gladly turn over to you all my material on the restruck Metapontine pieces. Under separate cover, I am also sending you a number of casts, some of which I feel sure you will not have seen. I am sending you, in addition, copies of the first issues of our new type of publications - Numismatic Notes and Monographs. A fund for publication in this size has recently been placed in our hands by one of our Trustees, and if you will consider having your article on these restruck pieces of Metapontum appear in English, we should be very glad to print it for you in this form.

If your consideration of this suggestion is favorable, we should desire that your article be illustrated as fully as possible. Any hesitancy you might feel on the score of writing in English could be overcome by careful editing when your manuscript reached us. All expense of printing and plates would be borne by us. We would send copies up to fifty in number to addresses supplied by you, and furnish in addition twenty-five copies for your personal unrestricted use. The article would be probably distributed free to the members of the American Numismatic Society; the price of the copies for sale outside our membership would be one satisfactory to you. I sincerely hope that you will accept this offer.

With respect to your very kind offer to place at my disposal material which you already have, I beg to say that I now have casts of the Munich and Vienna pieces, and those from Dresden are probably on the way. Professor Regling has written me that the Berlin casts have been shipped. I have not the casts of the pieces in Copenhagen, nor have I casts of any of the private collections in Germany or Austria. From Italy, I have just received word that the seventy-one staters of the Curinga Find - date of burial circa 490 - are on their way; and casts from the Florence, Vatican and Taranto Museums were secured for me by Mr. Newell while in Italy. Of the more important pieces in the Naples Collection, I also have casts. As soon as the coins at Milan are arranged, I am promised casts from there; and those in Turin are also promised me. I have material from most of the French and English collections, both public and private, with the exception of Sir Arthur Evans'.

I am planning to be in Europe the coming summer and desire to examine, in so far as is possible, all of the material of which I have been unable to secure casts. It is my purpose to land at Glasgow early in May, and to visit France and Italy during the summer - returning about September 1st. Not only shall I be very happy in assisting you to obtain any material you may

desire from collections in America, but I shall gladly bear in mind your interest in the over-struck pieces and record anything which may appear in my travels.

You are correct in thinking that there are several important collections here. Without having had one of these placed at my disposal, I could hardly have undertaken the study of the coinage of Metapontum. The Collection of our President, Mr. Edward T. Newell, has nearly 150 coins of this city, and some of them are of first importance. Several other members of this Society have excellent collections.

That you may realize that this work has been undertaken in a systematic way, permit me to state that I already have more than 120 dies of the incuse staters alone, and this number will doubbless be increased by the Berlin casts and those from the Curinga Find. The variations are very much greater than one would suppose and I have a rather interesting theory as to the raison d'être for the incuse fabric. As for the double relief staters, I have nine dies for the Apollo-Karneios head, and some of the other series are of like proportions.

I should be most grateful to you for any suggestions which you may have as to the arrangement, and I shall gladly make acknowledgment of any aid that you may give me. No acknowledgment, however, can express the appreciation I feel for your generous action in surrendering your plans, and I shall not deem any request you may make as more than a slight alleviation of my sense of indebtedness.

May I express the hope that you may now be entirely recovered from the illness of which you wrote in your letter?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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January 21st, 1921

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finlande

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a memorandum to accompany the casts which I promised you in my former letter. Such of these casts as are already in your possession I would be glad to have you return at your convenience. It seemed, however, simpler to send them than to depend upon descriptions.

Doubtless you have Dr. Friedlaender's article, Vol.IV, Zeit.fur Num., p.328. I venture to call your attention to a less obvious reference which may have escaped you, Mommsen-Blacas, Vol.I, p.151, Note 1.

I am sending you, in addition, copies of the Journals of American Numismatics of which I wrote. I had hoped to be able to send you with these Journals and my little article on Coin Hoards, the second of the monographs which is written by our President, Mr. Edward T. Newell, and is entitled The Octobols of Histiaea. This is now in the hands of the printer and will be forwarded to you within a few days. This second monograph is illustrated with heliotype plates whereas the first had merely half-tones; and if you consent to our printing your article on the overstruck pieces, we should use the heliotype plates.

With assurances of my cordial regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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Copy of letter from Dr. Lauri O.Z.Tudeer, Helsingfors, Finland

Original forwarded to Mr. Noe

Helsingfors
Avril 19,1921

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you most heartily for your both letters, which reached me already some time ago, although I have not been able to answer sooner. Also the casts of restruck Metapontine coins and the most interesting publications of the American Numismatic Society (Journal 50-53 and Notes 1-2) have arrived undamaged.

Your notification of the great honour conferred to me by the American Numismatic Society surprised me very much. My work on the numismatic field has not been so long and fruitful as to prove me worthy of this honour. But it will certainly instigate me to do my best to become a worthy Honorary Fellow of your illustrious Society. Will you kindly express to the Society my thanks for the unexpected great honour which it has deigned to confer on me.

As to my planned little study on the restruck coins of Metapontum, it will be a great pleasure for me to accept the generous offer of the Society to publish it in the series of Notes and Monographs. It will fit very well with the length and form of my study, as far as I can see at the moment. And as soon as my paper is ready, I will let you know it. But although the main features of it are clear enough, there remains some minor work to do in filling up the gaps and securing as complete material as possible. The casts, which you were so kind as to send me, prove to be very useful, as they on the whole confirm the results which I had arrived at, and at the same time enlarge the area from which the Metapontines took their blanks. It is a pity that it is usually so difficult to get casts from the Italian collections, as they certainly contain much materials for my purpose as well as for yours.

I am very glad to hear that you are planning to go to Europe for the coming summer and that you will bear in mind my interest in overstruck coins and record what may appear to you. It would perhaps be possible to meet this summer, as I will visit Northern Italy and France in the summer, Italy probably in May and June, France in June and July. I am going principally for some paleographical work, but at the same time I will also prepare numismatic plans. It would be a great pleasure for me to see you.

If you think that they would prove to be of any use for your work I shall send my casts from the collection of Copenhague. I am sorry that I did not secure for me casts from the public and private collections in Russia before the revolution and the bolshevist régime, the collections then containing undoubtedly many interesting coins for your and mine purpose. At present it is not possible to get anything from Russia. The Royal Collection in Stockholm does not contain anything for your work as far as I can remember, any more than the collections in Helsingfors.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Lauri O.Z.Tudeer

April 21st, 1921

Professor Lauri O.Z.Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finlande

Dear Sir:

As I wrote in my former letter, I am sailing on Saturday of this week for several months in Europe. I had hoped that a letter from you might have reached me before leaving, and I trust that the illness of which you wrote is not the explanation.

I am sending you, herewith, another overstruck piece - this one from the collection of our President, Mr. Edward T. Newell. You will be able to see the outline of the lips and chin of a face on the obverse by holding the cast so that the profile of the Metapontine type is downward. The undertype is evidently Corinthian if we may judge from the faint outlines on the reverse which seem to indicate the rump of the Pegasus.

Should I find any overstruck pieces in my travels, I shall make note of them for you.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/E
Enc.

October 25th, 1921

Dr. Lauri Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finlande

Dear Professor Tudeer:

Thank you very much indeed for the two pamphlets which came in yesterday's mail. I am very glad to have them and as soon as I can get an opportunity I shall read, at least, the German résumé.

Was it the Evans Metapontum stater struck over a Thasos type that was broken when I gave it to you in Rome? I cannot be sure whether it was this piece or the Hunterian specimen that I promised to send you when I got back here. I have one or two restruck of which I hope to send you casts soon.

I hope by this time you have been able to begin work on your article on the overstrucks of Metapontum. I should be very glad for any word you could give me as to when you expect to finish with it - even an approximate date would be a help.

Have you had a chance to look up the Metapontum casts of the Copenhagen and Aberdeen coins as yet? Perhaps they have already been sent and not yet reached me.

If, when you make your request of Dr. Regling for casts of the coins of Thurium at Berlin, they make a charge for them, will you let me bear the expense. At the present rate of exchange, this would not involve so large an expense for me as for you; and as you have already made an outlay for Metapontum pieces which you have not used, it would be but fair.

You will be interested to learn that I gained access to the Naples Collection where I obtained many casts and much material. I also saw the Milan and Turin Collections on my way northward.

Mr. Newell is very glad that you have decided to begin work on the Thurium series.

I had word from Mr. Robinson that you had been at the British Museum, and trust that you had there as pleasant an experience as was mine. Did you see M. Jameson at Paris?

It does not seem so long since I was sitting with you on the Palatine of a Sunday morning, but by the time this reaches you more than four months will have elapsed. I count it one of my happiest experiences to have met you during the summer, and with cordial regards, I beg to subscribe myself

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPH/E

June 8th, 1922

Dr. Lauri Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, FINLAND

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

The pleasant time we had in Rome has occurred to my mind [illegible] times since, and I have been hoping to hear from you many times.

I recall that you told me that you [illegible] some paleographic work, and I [illegible] that [illegible] you doing anything on the article on the overstruck coins of Metapontum. [illegible] I correctly [illegible] Aside from this, however, I should be very interested to hear what you are doing.

You will have received our publications, and I think the future issues will interest you even more than those already in hand. Among these is an article by Thesto on the Seated Oekists of Tarentum.

Do you remember offering to send me casts of the Metapontum coins in the collection at Aberdeen. Have you been able to find these? I should very much like to have them. I think you also said that you had casts of the Copenhagen coins. The work has gone forward rather slowly owing to pressure of other duties in connection with the publications, but I want to get something done this summer.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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Helsingfors, le July 20th 1922.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
American Numismatic Society
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Noe,

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 8th; it was waiting for me at the Library, where I found it at my return from my summer vacation.

I was at first astonished in seeing, that you not had received the promised casts from Copenhagen and Aberdeen, as I had directed at the National Museum to send them for you, but it appeared that owing to some misunderstanding they never had been sent. Now they have been mailed and I think they will reach you at the same time as this letter. I have added a few casts, which I had received from the late Mr. F. Imhoof-Blumer, of coins in part belonging to him, in part to the Museum in Winterthur (Switzerland), where I think all of them at present are together with his last collection.

I have some days ago, after being back from

the country, begun to work on the restruck coins of Metapontum - it was of course impossible for me during the last winter to find the necessary time for it. I hope my little article will be ready in a month or so - if not some unexpected, urgent work at the University Library f.i. gets in the way for it.

As to my article, will you kindly inform me about a point in your Memorandum, which followed the cast's which you were so kind to send me in the winter 1921. Among the coins you enumerate there are a few, whose provenience is not mentioned, i.e. 6c and d (are they in Paris?) and 8. Can you say where these coins are?

Have you noticed the statement by Imhoof-Blumer in Zur Griechischen und Römischen Münzkunde, Geneva 1908 (= Revue Suisse de Numismatique. Vol. XIV) p. 249 that a certain ΗΟΜΟΝΟΙΑ-die has been worked over to a ΔΑΜΑΤ(ρι?)-die?

I am very, very interested in hearing how your work goes forward and I hope you will be able at present to find more time for it than last winter. It is no easy task to do scientific work, if one is continually to be disturbed through other duties.

The publications of the Society have regularly arrived and it has been a pleasure to me to see in them how vivid an interest in numismatics the members

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are displaying. The article of Vlasto, you mention, will surely be of the greatest interest and undoubtedly of great importance.

The wheele of time is moving fast: it is really already a year gone since the fine days in Rome, which often occur to my mind! I am so glad, that I was able to see you their. It was surely a splendid time, as well the evenings discussing Metapont with your casts and photographs, as the sunny morrow on the Palatine.

Cordially your friend

Lauri O. K. Tudeer

Aug. 9, 1932.

Dear Dr. Tudeer:-

Your letter of July 20th, with its sheaf of news, made me very happy. Thank you very much for the casts which have also arrived - they are very interesting, but for reasons which you will appreciate, I am glad that they contain very little that is new to me. The number of plated pieces at Copenhagen is interesting - I am sure you will find the point of view of M. Vlasto, which he brings out in his forthcoming article, stimulating. The coins from the collection of Dr. Imhoof Blumer are especially appreciated - his mind was a tremendous storehouse, and this is reflected in everything he wrote. The reference to his remarks on the HOLONCIA type had escaped me, and I am indebted to you for bringing it to my attention.

You speak of my work and its progress. Alas, it has developed much more slowly than I could wish. You will remember that I was called upon to take charge of the publications on my return last autumn. This has been no mean task, and has required a great deal of my time. I have been able, however, to incorporate most of the material I obtained abroad, and have now reached the stage where it is rare that I find anything new. My trip last year was taken as a portion of my sabbatical year. Now, this winter, I am to have the remainder - nine months. It is my plan to go to Athens, and there to do what studying may be possible under Svoronos, although I shall be connected with the American School of Classical Studies. This is a tremendously valuable opportunity for me, and should do much for my development. I cannot fail to absorb much of value while there, and I shall not be limited to numismatics, of course. It is possible I may be able to get my work on Metapontum well on toward completion in this period - at least I shall try to do so. If possible, I wish to stop at Palermo, Syracuse and Reggio on my way to Athens.

I was very glad to have you write that you are completing your article, and I shall look forward to seeing it. If it does not reach me before I leave - about the middle of September, it will be forwarded to me, in all probability. If you do not finish it before October 1st, you might send it to me Care of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, unless in the meantime I write you that the plan has had to be abandoned.

With regard to your question as to the whereabouts of certain of the coins on my memorandum - I think 6c is from the collection of Mr. C. H. Bement of Philadelphia - did I not send you a cast of this? 6d, is from Gotha - I feel sure there was a cast of this - if, however, I am mistaken, I am sure Dr. Pick will gladly send you one. It is a very important piece for illustrating, because the swastika shows very plainly in a photograph I have of it. I am at a loss with regard to No. 8, but believe I did send you a cast of this piece. Won't you see if there is a cast which answers to this description.

I think I sent you last fall, after my return, several casts of pieces in the Naples collection. One was the Santangelo Oll. No. 3952, and another was from Mr. Newell's collection. Perhaps they did not reach you. Let me know if they did not, as they are important, and I have duplicates, of some of them, at any rate.

I am sending you a cast of a Croton piece, struck over Agrigentum - a stater recently acquired by Mr. Newell. It demonstrates that Croton, as well as Metapontum and Tarentum was also striking over the types of other cities - a possible indication of shortage of bullion felt by all three towns, as the types are in measure, contemporaneous. I have also asked M. Vlasto to send you casts of the pieces he illustrates in Rev. Num., 1904, Pl. V, Nos. 2 and 12, as well as of a number of other overstrikes of a later period (Over Pegasoi) - Traus Per. III, Types L, 1 and 3; M, 1; O, 3: Period IV, Types A, 1; F, 1; D, 1. He may not send all of these later pieces, but I thought this information might be of importance to you. Cf. Alan Dressel, Jarlin Cat., vol. iii, p. 252, Nos. 155 and 157 Pl. xii, 184 and p. 257, No. 192, Pl. xiii, 191.

You will doubtless have read Dr. Hill's article in the recent Numismatic Chronicle regarding dies and methods of coining. This may have some bearing on your problem, too, though only indirectly. I am planning a bibliography of Greek Coin Finds, which promises to be useful, but this will have to go over until next summer, now. The time will not necessarily be lost, however, as I hope to obtain some material regarding the unpublished hoards at Athens, and possibly some of those in the provincial museums of Italy.

Now I must stop. With cordial regards, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am, as ever, Yours very sincerely

Memorandum for Professor Tudeer

1. Metapontum broad flan incuse stater over a Croton stater. From the Taranto find. Jameson; Paris.

2. Rev. Num.1916, p.26, fig.7. Poseidonia broad flan stater over a Metapontum [illegible].

5. Metapontum thick flan incuse stater over a Gela didrachm. Jameson Coll., Paris. (Ex Otrozi [illegible], 98)

3. Metapontum thick flan stater (intermediate size) over a Selinus piece(?). Athens Museum.

4. Similar to No.3 but with variation in inscription struck over Selinus(?) didrachm. American Numismatic Society.

5a. Metapontum stater over Syracuse didrachm, illustrated by Babelon. Paris Coll.

5b. Same die over Agrigentum didrachm. Paris also.

c. Like b. but less clear.

d. Same die stater over Corinthian stater with swastika reverse.

e. Same die over a Syracuse stater(?). [illegible] Coll. Pl.VI,14.

You will note that the five specimens listed above use the same Metapontum die, obverse and reverse. Babelon gives two others, Pl.LXVI,15 and 17. I have casts of two staters from these dies which are not overstruck. In the first specimen the die positions are normal but in the second they are reversed, the base of the ear on the reverse being where the top should be. A third specimen has a different reverse die.

7. Female head to left with sphendone - struck over Corinthian stater; the back of the helmet and the curve of the leather neck piece are discernible when the cast is held upside down. Munich Coll.

8. Head to right with hair net - struck over Corinthian stater. The Pegasus is visible on the reverse.

9. Leukippos head with N I - struck over Corinthian piece with stylis (?) symbol. Four legs of the Pegasus visible on reverse. Vienna Coll.

10. Same type over the Metapontum NIKA-type(?). Num.Chron.1916, Pl.VI,6 & 7. (I have no casts of this piece, but Mr. Gros' identification on the basis of measurements seem open to serious question. I suspect this of being the more usual Corinthian type).

11. Leukippos head grape symbol over a Corinthian(?) piece. Newell Coll.

August 30th, 1922

Prof. Lauri O.Z.Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Professor Tudeer:

Under separate cover, I am sending you casts of Tarentine coins from M. Vlasto's collection, of which I wrote you in my previous letter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Helsingfors, January 15th 1923.

Dear Mr Noe,

As soon as I received your last letters and some weeks later the casts from the collection Vlasto mentioned in them, it was my intention to write to you, but I always postponed it in the hope, that I should be able to send you my article on the Metapontine overstrucks at the same time. The hope proved to be vain - the article is not as yet completed owing to University work, which could not be delayed. I think nevertheless that I shall find in this or the next month the opportunity necessary for completing my little paper.

You are at present in Athens, I suppose, and I frankly will confess that I am envious of your good luck, although I think that the situation in Greece is rather bad and not the best for peasible work. Our common studies have suffered a great loss in the most lamentable death of Mr Svoronos. Has he any successor of competence at the Numismatic Museum? The coin-collections there must be immense especially owing to finds, and need an indefatigable and able keeper such as the late Mr Svoronos. Have you heard anything about the plans for a Corpus Numorum Graecorum, which Svoronos long cherished and on which he more than once did write to me for securing al-

so my aid. His Corpus of the coins of Athens must have been almost complete at his death. Can his Journal International be continued?

I had a good friend from Sweden some time working in Greece at the British School, a Dr. C.A.Boëthius, but I am afraid that he did leave Athens before your arrival. He is a nice young archeologist; I think you should have liked to see him.

At present I almost have lost the courage to think about working the coins of Thurii, as the difficulties seem insurmountable. It is perhaps because I have had a great lot of illness in my family this winter and am somewhat exhausted. In recovering I am sure that the interest for this work and the desire to do it will come back.

I cherish the hope soon to hear from you something about your work and also about your impressions from Greece ((also compared with your impressions from Italy, the sunny morning on the Palatine etc.) Did you visit Sicily on your way to Athens, as you mentioned the intention to do so? Are you working principally on numismatics or do you take part also in the excavations executed by the American School? (By the bye, has the School any series of publications of its own?

With cordial regards

Yours very sincerely

Lauritz Weibull

Letter fr. Linden. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] Gen. [illegible] Brother [illegible]

June 20, 1925

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliotheque de l'Universite de Finlande
Helsingfors
Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

A long time has elapsed since I have heard from you and although I thought of you many times, I have not written.

Have you made any progress with your article on the over-struck pieces of Metapontum. I am beginning to think that this mint is what we call a "hoodoo" over here for not only my own work but yours have so far failed to get into print. I know you have other interests and that you may have been prevented from completing the article but I hope that this is not the case and that we may have a favorable report from you.

One of the residents of your city has become a member of our Society - Mr. H. J. Bostrom - and largely through his kind offices the complete set of the Order of the White Rose of Finland has been added to our collection of decorations. In addition to this, our collection of artistic medals has been enlarged--we all think that the work of Miss Qvist is very fine. I should very much li e to have some word from you.

Very truly yours

SPN C

Secretary

August 4, 1925

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliotheque de l'Universite de Finlande
Helsingfors
Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Your letter of the sixteenth of July gave me much pleasure and I am very glad indeed to learn that you hope to have your paper on the overstruck pieces in my hands very soon. I hope this "very soon" means that there will not be much delay because with the difficulties of reading proof and of possible changes, there is bound to be a very considerable retarding in its publication. I shall look forward to seeing it.

Next, as to the two volumes of Hallberg on Finnish Personal Medals which you so kindly sent us, you must have failed to receive my acknowledgment of your courteous gift. We have had them bound and they have already proved useful and I count them a very desirable addition to our library. Under separate cover I am sending you No. 16 of the Numismatic Notes and Monographs to make up for the one which did not reach you.

You ask about my work on Metapontum. Only recently have I resumed its revision and there is still more to be done than I care to realize. By now you will have received the Bibliography of Greek Coin Hoards which was a very troublesome bit of compilation and which took more time than was anticipated. In addition, I have been working on an account of a hoard of Mende coins found in 1913 at Kaliandra and I am hoping to get this printed before the year is over.

Thank you for your suggestion about visiting the Scandinavian countries when next I go to Europe, but alas, there is no telling when that will be. I should very much like to go, however. I should also be glad to have some of your own doings. Has your study of the manuscript terminated as you hoped?

With cordial personal regards and awaiting your further word, I am

Very sincerely yours

SPN C

Secretary

February 23rd, 1926

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliotheque de l'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Your last letter mentioned that we might hope to see your article on the overstruck staters of Metapontum reasonably soon, and I have been hoping that it might arrive from week to week. For many reasons it would be desirable to have this article in hand. Will you kindly let me know what are the prospects of having it now?

M. Vlasto has written me that he is writing on a hoard buried about the time of the coming of Alexander of Epirus to Tarentum; and beside this, the work on the Magna Grecian series has not been considerable.

As you know, I desire to have your article appear before any portion of my work on the coins of Metapontum is issued, and this is one reason for my writing to you about the matter now.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

June 9th, 1926

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliothèque de l'Université de Finlande, Helsingfors
Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Is there anything that I can possibly do to stimulate you to complete your article on the over-struck pieces of Metapontum? For several months I have been hoping to hear from you.

As I think I explained to you, I wanted your article to precede my treatment of the coinage of Metapontum. The delay is proving a serious handicap. I know that you must have other things to do, but at the same time, I feel that the article must now be well on its way toward completion, and I should be very grateful if we might have a definite word as to when we might expect to receive it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Helsingfors, June 12th 1926

My dear Mr. Noe,

At the time I got your letter I was lying in influenza, a rather mild form of it, and it took a long time before I had recovered so much as to begin working again. Now I am in a fairly good condition so that I can hope that without any loss of time can make the last touches to my little paper, for which I am sorry you have been in vain waiting so long.

I hope you will kindly see for the faults in my English; I am afraid it often sounds as some sort of "pidgin-English".

Do you know to know anything

about Mr. Robinson's work on the Corals of Malta. He had a nice material brought together already in 1892, but – it is always the great question where to find the necessary time for scientific work besides ~~mere~~ more business!

Very sincerely yours

David P. Gardiner

July 21st, 1926

Dr. Lauri O. Z. Tudeer
Bibliotheque de L'Université de Finlande
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Responding to your letter of June 12th, I had hoped that your manuscript would follow immediately, and have delayed replying in that expectation.

I am sorry to learn that you have been unwell, and trust your recovery is complete.

I have written Mr. Robinson regarding his article on the coinage of Velia, and will let you know what I hear from him.

Mr. Newell and I are eagerly awaiting your paper, and hope that it will not be further delayed.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

November 8, 1926

Dr. Lauri O.Z. Tudeer,
Bibliotheque de l'Universitè de Finlande,
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Referring to my letter of July 21st, we have not yet received your MS. I am wondering whether by any chance it may have gone astray. We are very anxious forhate it and to print it.

We should be very glad for some definite word from you as to when we may expect it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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HELSINGFORS

Helsingfors, Dec. 5th 1926

Dear Mr. Noe,

It has been a very painful feeling for me, that you were waiting for my paper on the overstruck coins of Metapontum. Unfortunately I have not been able to do any extra work during the last months and even my ordinary work at the University Library has been restricted only to the most necessary. Only in these days a change has occurred and now I think to work as fast as ever and take up several neglected items, in the first case the paper for the Numismatic Monographs of the Society. You must try to excuse me, although I am afraid that my delaying my contribution has caused you much disappointment. In a a fortnight the paper will be rwady for you.

Yours faithfully

Lauri O. Tyrväinen

Mr J. Moe

American Numismatic Society.

Broadway at 155th Street

New York.

U. S. A.

Stampa "Jiracane" dal Litho Stafetto, Berg

Sir,

At last I am again able to think of doing literary work. It has been impossible for me to do anything this whole winter and Spring. Now it is better.

Yours faithfully

Jacob A. Tavaste

On way back to Finland.

VENEZIA - SUL CANAL GRANDE.

PALAZZO FERRARI - VENEZIA.

June 2nd, 1927

Dr. Lauri O. Th. Tudeer,
Bibliotheque de l'Universite de Finlande,
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your card from Venice. I hope your lines do not indicate that you have been ill during the winter. If they do, I am glad to learn that you are now better and that you are looking forward to literary work. I am proceeding with the publication of the first portion (incuse pieces) of my study of Metapontum. I had hoped that we should received your manuscript in time for me to avoid any possible duplication. Although I have left the question of overstrikes severely alone, I should have been glad to have the result of your study available. I hope that there will be no further delay in your completing the monograph, as there will, of course, be unavoidable loss of time in getting it into print once you place it in our hands.

I wish I might have been with you in Venice. With very cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

December 5th 1929

Dr. Lauri O.Z. Tudeer
Bibliotheque de l'Universite
de Finlands
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Dr. Tudeer:

Will you kindly advise me how it would be possible for us to procure a copy of "Sundwall (J). Untersuchungen Uber die attishcen Munzen des neueren Stiles", published in your city in 1908? I am very desirous of having this publication in our library and up to now have been unable to procure a copy. Your aid will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

TUDEER, DR. LAURI

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